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this bill? That is what the decision is you're going to have to make. If you think that this is what you want to do then you probably vote no. If you think that we need to look at this again you would accept the Kristensen amendment to the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. We're discussing the Kristensen amendment, AM0510, to LB 270. Senator Kristensen, I do not see any more lights. Do you wish to close on your amendment?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I understand Senator Bourne's desire for...to do...to do a good thing and I agree. That's the reason I offered the amendment. I got to also tell you that for out of some consideration for the process, to give people a fair shot, I don't know if it's germane or not, I guess that would have probably been for the body. I...it certainly deals with what do chiropractors do. I know this amendment is germane and what it does is it retreats from the broad stroke of requiring chiropractors in everything that they do to have the standard of care of a medical doctor, to if they're going to do it with acupuncture that they should have been held or will be held to that standard of care of a medical doctor when they're doing that procedure. I would say, Senator Hudkins, just in...in an observation, in terms of acupuncture, if someone goes to an acupuncturist because they have a pain in their side and they don't go to a doctor but they go to the acupuncturist to take care of their pain in their side, and that they're...they're basically figuring that that person is giving them treatment, you know, and that they go, what's wrong with my side? They say, well, I think if we do a little acupuncture work it will fix your side, when in fact there was a tumor growing there, then maybe people do think that they're receiving some sort of medical care. It's just not from a doctor. I agree that the acupuncturists don't hold themselves out to be physicians, but if you're...this goes probably to the broader scope of some of these alternative medicines. They might look at Senator Engel and say, Senator, you know, instead of you needing heart surgery, if we would have given you a few pokes with...with the acupuncture or if we'd straighten your spine up we could have